

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 12, 15-19, 22, 28, 29, 35, 36, 42, 43, and 49 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 15-18 are independent claims. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 15-18 are amended.

Interview

Applicants' representative was contacted by Examiner Adams on August 18, 2011. During the interview, Examiner Adams requested authorization to amend claim 1 to include the phrase "non-transitory" to place the present application in condition for allowance. On August 30, 2011, Applicants representative forwarded proposed claim amendments to Examiner Adams which included minor revisions to the independent claims, as well as the insertion of the phrase "non-transitory" in claim 1. During a subsequent telephone interview with Examiner Adams it was agreed that the pending claims would be passed to allowance with the amendments to the claims forwarded by Applicants' representative on August 30, 2011.

The claim amendments in this Supplemental Amendment are based on the claims forwarded to Examiner Adams on August 30, 2011, with the understanding that those amendments have been entered.

Amended Claims

The respective independent claims include first and second sync information that indicates the relationship between the playitem and the sub-playitem. It appears that the recitation in the unamended claims (deleted by the present Amendment) that "the audio data being managed by the sub-playitem is reproduced independently from the at least one still image being managed by the playitem" conflicts with the features of the claimed first and second sync information indicating the relationship of the

playitem and the sub-playitem. Therefore, the present amendments deleting the conflicting feature from the claims is presented only to clarify the claimed subject matter and do not present new issues that would require further consideration and or search. Further, as the amendments are only clarifying amendments, the claim revisions do not affect the scope of the claims or their patentability. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims remain in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

HARNESS, DICKEY, & PIERCE, P.L.C.

By: 

John W. Fitzpatrick, 41,018

Gary D. Yacura, Reg. No. 35,416

P.O. Box 8910
Reston, Virginia 20195
(703) 668-8000